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1. In May 1951, numerous old and new barracks installations in the woods near Cincul Mare (R 36/R 71). Many troops were seen training on, and on both sides of, the Agnita (R 36/R 61) - Cincul Mare road. about half of the troops had motor vehicles, while the other half went on foot, with the equipment being carried by mules. Soldiers wore field caps and brown field tunics with patch-pockets and broad epaulets, but no berets. The troops were armed with submachine guns with perforated jackets and disk-shaped magazines, and light short-barreled guns with shields, most of them being drawn by horses and only a few by motor vehicles. Four-seat, two-axle command cars, similar to those used by militia and security troops, were also seen among the motor vehicles. No prime movers or other track-laying vehicles were noticed.

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2. Troops, who were detrained in Medias (R 36/R 43) in the fall of 1950, said that they came from the Banat province and believed that they would be shipped to the Fagaras (R 35/R 80) area. Troops were seen departing from Medias in a southeasterly direction on four days between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

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Only Rumanian Air Force troops were seen in the city of Medias.

3. In many respects, personnel of the armed forces were better off than in previous times. Clothing and food were reportedly excellent. The monthly pay of a lieutenant was 16,000 lei, and that of a captain 32,000 lei. But in spite of this, the attitude toward the Soviets was one of pronounced animosity in many instances, particularly among officers. Ethnic Germans of draft age and politically unreliable Rumanians were inducted only for military labor service, whereas ethnic German reserve officers served their normal period of active service. Political informers among the troops were primarily Hungarians and gypsies.

4. Numerous east-bound trains with resettlers passed through Medias after the middle of June 1951. It later became known that the inhabitants of 26 villages in the border area of the Banat province were evacuated between the spring and mid-July 1951. large-scale evacuation operations were also under way there. It was said that the

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city limits. Westbound troop trains were observed passing through Medias after the middle of June 1951. Most of them passed through the city at night. They carried exclusively Rumanian troop units, which were equipped with AT guns, numerous jeeps and trucks, but no tanks.

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